



Bruton

Let us know your views!

Bruton should be identified as a **Rural Centre** because:

- ✓ It will enable the settlement to grow and expand its identified role
- ✓ It will allow for additional employment growth to create jobs for local people and reduce the need for commuting
- ✓ It will strengthen the small retail and service centre to meet the needs of the local population

CURRENT ISSUES

- The town runs along the River Brue where there is a risk of flooding
- The extent of the Conservation Area, archaeology and wildlife, especially to the south of the town, makes it sensitive to new development
- Traffic and parking remain a problem in the historical town centre
- There is a limited range of job opportunities in the town, despite the strength of schools. Together with a small industrial estate, this results in over 50% of residents in employment having to travel outside the town to work
- Need to protect and enhance existing service base

STRENGTHS

- A very attractive natural setting with a wealth of historical buildings
- The town has retained a railway station and has a reasonable bus service to nearby larger towns
- Presence of schools attracts families with children, giving opportunities for the town to grow
- Rich cultural links and history attracts visitors

Vision for 2026:

- Growth to meet local needs and to encourage more job opportunities for local people.
- Broaden the range of job opportunities and develop up to 1 hectare of employment land.
- Up to 217 new homes (97 of these homes are already allocated).
- Help safeguard and improve local shops and services to better meet the needs of local people.

Do you agree that Bruton is a Rural Centre?

Do you agree with the level and type of growth being planned?

Have we got this right? Have we got this wrong? If so, please tell us why.

We need your views

